



Livestream link for the prayer ceremony will be posted here

January 10, 2025 at 8:00pm in Rome: The Community of Sant'Egidio cordially invites you to a ceremony honoring Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN in the Church of San Bartolomeo all'Isola in Rome (St. Bartholomew's on the Island).

January 10, 2025 from 3-5pm in Rome: The Gregorian University will host an academic symposium in honor of Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, entitled [*Women's Leadership in the Climate Movement*](#). Livestream will be available here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652053630>

[San Bartolomeo](#) is the site of the body of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, and was entrusted to the Community of Sant'Egidio in 1999 by Pope John Paul II so that it could be used as a sanctuary for commemorating modern-day martyrs. In the various side chapels and now also in a formal exhibit in the crypt, the stories and relics of martyred Christians from all over the world are preserved. Among the objects displayed there are the chasuble of Archbishop Romero, the tunic of Archbishop Faraj Rahho of Mosul, the trowel of St. Charles de Foucauld, and a letter from Bl. Franz Jägerstätter written just before his execution.

It will be a privilege for Sant'Egidio to help preserve the memory of Sr. Dorothy by including her story in the exhibit, and by safeguarding a relic that has been preserved by the Ohio province of the Sisters – a small container of the blood-soaked dirt from the site of Sr. Dorothy's murder. Sr. Dorothy will be the first woman from the U.S. honored in San Bartolomeo. Sisters, faculty, students and alums of SNDdeN institutions in the US and beyond, associates and friends of the sisters, and other interested friends are all invited to join us in Rome. 2025 will mark 20 years since Sr. Dorothy's death, so this event will be an appropriate way to begin that memorial year.

For more information:

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More information about San Bartolomeo:

<https://sanbartolomeo.org/>


<https://cruxnow.com/global-church/2017/04/st-bartholomew-basilica-shows-time-new-martyrs>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2023-03/missionary-martyrs-day-cupich-martyrs-teach-us-power-of-love.html>

Press release from the Ohio province:

<https://www.sndohio.org/sister-dorothy/20thanniversary/calendar/6172760/public-ceremony-to-honor-sister-dorothy-stang-sndden-as-a-modern-martyr-by-the-community-of-santegidio-in-rome-italy>

More information about Sr. Dorothy Stang: <https://www.sndohio.org/sister-dorothy/20thanniversary>

 Blessed Among Us: Sr. Dorothy Stang

See next page for travel info

Suggested resources for those coming to Rome:

Airport Transportation:

There is a train that goes directly from the airport into the city. Depending on where you are staying, you might want to take the “Leonardo Express” direct one to Termini (main train station), or a local one to Stazione Trastevere or another local stop.

Taxis are available and charge a flat fee of 50 euro for rides into the city. Make sure to take an official one from the line outside (don't go with someone who approaches you in the terminal).

Lodging:

There are many small hotels in the center of Rome, near the Tiber Island, that can be found on hotel booking sites. AirBnB is also a good option for finding a place to stay right near the historic center.

Low-cost lodging can often be found at religious houses:

<https://www.monasterystays.com/?d=Italy/Lazio/Rome/Trastevere/LAR252-accommodation>

<https://www.monasterystays.com/?d=Italy/Lazio/Rome/Aventino-Testaccio/LAR236-accommodation>

<https://www.monasterystays.com/?d=Italy/Lazio/Rome/Colosseum/LAR209-accommodation>

<https://www.monasterystays.com/?d=Italy/Lazio/Rome/Vatican/LAR139-accommodation>

For groups: <https://www.monasterystays.com/?a=groups>

Another place to stay in the center of Rome

<https://www.fraternadomus.it/index.php/dove/roma-centro/>

Food:

The Community of Sant'Egidio runs a restaurant in Trastevere, Trattoria Gli Amici, that employs people with disabilities. Address: Piazza Sant'Egidio, 6. Reservations are usually necessary:

<https://www.trattoriadegliamici.it/prenotaunposto>

Near San Bartolomeo:

La Piazzetta is spacious, tasty, and opens early. Via Cardinale Merry del Val, 16b.

Helpful sites:

[Rome Food Guide: Where To Find The Best Food In Rome \(Travel Blog\)](#)

[Ultimate Guide to Eating Out in Rome \(Travel Blog\)](#)

[Best Restaurants in Rome \(Travel Guide\)](#)

Activities:

- While in Rome, you are welcome to attend the evening prayer of the Community of Sant'Egidio, Monday-Saturday evenings at 8pm in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere. It may also be possible for small groups to assist with Sant'Egidio's service to the poor of Rome.
- In addition to attending the ceremony on Friday, January 10th at San Bartolomeo, you are encouraged to visit the church at another time, including visiting the exhibit in the crypt. The church is open to the public every day from 9:30-1:30 and 3:30-5:30; the crypt is open Saturdays from 9:30-1:30 and 3:30-5:30.
- A General Audience with the Pope usually happens every Wednesday at 9 AM. Tickets are required if you want to be in the area closest to the Pope; you can request them in advance by writing to visitorsoffice@pnac.org. Or, you can attend the Angelus every Sunday at noon. No tickets are required. You can find the papal calendar here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
- Other popular sights in Rome include [the Colosseum](#), [the Roman Forum](#), [the Catacombs](#), [the Pantheon](#), and [the Trevi Fountain](#) (official websites hyperlinked).

General:

Note that many shops and restaurants close after lunch for the afternoon, and re-open around 4pm. Most restaurants open for dinner no earlier than 7pm; Romans eat late.